

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, November 26, 2014.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

Hervey
Philip
Cote.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Arciero of Westford) honoring Lieutenant Hervey Philip Cote on his retirement from the Westford Police Department, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Ms. Hogan of Stow, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

Mystic River
watershed
water quality
commission.

The House Bill establishing a Mystic River watershed water quality commission (House, No. 4302), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2399. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Children and
youth
commission.

A Bill establishing a commission on the status of children and youth (Senate, No. 2398) (on Senate bill No. 2080), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Randolph,—
tax bill.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2397) of Brian A. Joyce, Mark J. Cusack, Bruce J. Ayers and Walter F. Timilty (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Randolph to designate a check-off on its tax bills, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Revenue.

Reports of Committees.

Milford
Water
Company.

By Ms. Gobi of Spencer, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the Milford Water Company (House, No. 4531).

Chicopee,—
charter.

By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of

Chicopee to amend its city charter (House, No. 4528) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special events fund in the city of Boston (House, No. 4530) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
special events
fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Provincetown to provide an affordable housing donation check-off box on town of Provincetown tax bills (House, No. 4534) [Local Approval Received].

Provincetown,—
affordable
housing.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Stephanie Shanen, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 4537).

Stephanie
Shanen,—
sick leave.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Relative to the board of public works in the town of Fairhaven (see House, No. 4128, amended);

Bills
enacted.

Relative to firefighters in the town of Merrimac (see House, No. 4223); and

Authorizing the board of assessors of the town of Sturbridge to grant tax abatements to certain military personnel (see House, No. 4262);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill allowing certain senior support staff members of Protection Fire Co. No. 1 Byfield, Massachusetts to continue to serve beyond the age of 65 (Senate, No. 2178, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill amending the Bourne home rule charter (House, No. 4477), was read a third time.

Third reading
bill amended.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4538), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.